REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1669: Appropriation; State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6	SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be		
7	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State		
8	Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registration for		
9	Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the purpose of		
10	defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning		
11	July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008\$ 501,217.00.		
12	SECTION 2. Of the funds approved for expenditure under the		
13	provisions of Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below		
14	shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of		
15	expenditure:		
16	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:		
17	Personal Services:		
18	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$ 286,517.00		
19	Travel and Subsistence		
20	Contractual Services 148,000.00		
21	Commodities		
22	Capital Outlay:		
23	Other Than Equipment 0.00		
0.4			

24	Equipment	9,100.00
25	Vehicles	0.00
26	Wireless Communication Devices	0.00

27	Subsidies, Loa	ns and Grants	••••	0.00
28	Total		 \$	501,217.00
29	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:			
30	Permanent:	Full Time	4	
31		Part Time	1	
32	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0	
33		Part Time	0	

Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of 39 40 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal 41 42 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008 43 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the 44 45 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall 46 47 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all 48 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this 49 It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure act. that no single personnel action increases this projected annual 50 51 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds 52 53 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board 54 55 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause 56 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then 57 58 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or

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65 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with 66 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State 67 68 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written 69 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written 70 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions 71 72 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the 73 appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

78 SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 79 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land 80 Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records 81 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of 82 83 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2007. It is further the 84 intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for 85 Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the 86 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2008 87 88 budget request process.

89 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that90 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the

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SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 97 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the 98 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon 99 100 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the 101 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law. 102 103 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from 104 and after July 1, 2007.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE 2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF 3 REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR 4 FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE	CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE
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Stringer	Gordon
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Read	Gollott
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